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Retail goods on the open market in North Korea were selling at the following rates in May 1949:

1. Staple foods: (Tu - a unit equal to approximately 10 litres)
(Kwan - a unit of weight - 8.267 pounds)

Rice (tu)	240 won
Glutinous rice (tu)	350 won
Soy beans (tu)	120 won
Bean curd (piece)	5 won
Shell ligament (kwan)	1,500 won
Bean oil (bottle)	150 won
Sesame oil (bottle)	350 won
Meat (catty)	50 won
Pork (catty)	40 won
Dried rice (bowl)	10 won

Millet (tu)	180 won
Kaoliang (tu)	120 won
Corn flour (tu)	130 won
Potatoes (tu)	50 won
Lentils (tu)	240 won
Honey (bottle)	120 won
Mackerel (piece)	50 won
Eggs (each)	7 won
Asparagus	1,300 won
Noodles (bowl)	25 won
Apples (each)	7 won

Korean wine (bottle)	130 won
Beer (bottle)	100 won
Cider (bottle)	30 won

2. Livestock:

Large plow cattle	15,000	val
Large horses	20,000	val
Large dogs	800	val
Chickens	150	val

3. Cloth and clothing:

Cotton cloth, made in South Korea (yard)	350 won
Cotton cloth, made in the U.S. (yard)	250 won
Linen (yard)	400 won
Socks, made in Pyongyang	120 won
Leather shoes, made in South Korea	3,000 won
Rubber shoes for men	100 won
White rubber shoes, made in South Korea	350 won
Basket ball shoes, made in Haeckong	500 won

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4. Household and toilet articles:

Matches (box)	3 won
Electric light bulbs, made in USSR	60 won
Laundry soap (piece)	50 won
Toilet soap (piece)	25 won
Charcoal (bag)	250 won
Cream, made in North Korea (dozen)	350 won
Cream, made in Harbin (dozen)	350 won

5. Drugs:

Penicillin (bottle - size of unit unknown)	400 won
Streptomycin (bottle)	2,000 won
Sulfadiazine	15 won
Dried orange peel (Chinese drug)	800 won

6. Paper supplies:

Newsprint, made in USSR (sheet)	7 won
Old newspaper (kwan)	280 won
Notebooks, made in South Korea (piece)	13 won
Ink, made in North Korea (bottle)	25 won
Ink, made in USA (bottle)	50 won
Pencils, made in USA (each)	40 won

7. Miscellaneous items and services:

Cigarettes (monopoly - package)	14 won
Movie admissions	15 won
Hair cuts	15 won
Baths	8 won
Tailor charge for making a suit	350 won
Freight, by train (per kilogram)	1 won
Bus fare (gasoleno type)	5 won
Fee for slaughtering a cow	30 won

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